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SUBJECT: TARAPUR

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1. SINCE SETHNA IS NOW IN DELHI, THE EMBASSY GO IN TOUCH WITH HIM AUGUST 31 TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL. WE TOOK PAINS TO POINT OUT THE DEPARTMENT'S BELIEF THAT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF TAPS WERE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE WITH FUEL FABRICATION AND FOR THIS REASON THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED TO SEND AN EXPERT IN EACH FIELD. SETHNA UNDERSTOOD ENTIRELY AND AGREED. WE REVIEWED THE PRESENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SPECIALTIES OF EACH EXPERT AND SETHNA FULLY APPROVED. SETHNA WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT IF THESE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS PROVE POSSIBLE THE EXPERTS WILL DEPART FOR INDIA OVER THE WEEKEND, GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO SEE THEM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

2. SETHNA HAD ONLY ONE PROBLEM AND THAT PERTAINED TO A POSSIBLE PROPRIETARY PROBLEM CONCERNING WILLIAM KIEFER OF COMMONWEALTH EDISON. HE ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM WITH GE SINCE TAPS WAS USING GE KNOW-HOW. SETHNA EXPLAINED THAT SO FAR THE IAEC HAS PERMITTED ONLY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, GE PERSONNEL AND IAEC INSPECTORS TO HAVE ACCESS TO PROPRIETARY INFORMATION ABOUT TAPS. WE TOLD SETHNA WE WOULD

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PASS ON THIS CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ASK FOR ITS

VIEWS.

3. AFTER REFLECTION ON THE MATTER, SETHNA CALLED BACK SOME-TIME LATER TO SAY THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH KIEFER'S PRESENCE BUT PRIOPRIETARY GE INFORMATION COULD NOT BE GIVEN TO HIM DIRECTLY, REPEAT DIRECTLY. (SETHNA'S MEANING OBVIOUSLY WAS THAT THE INFORMATION COULD BE GIVEN TO A USG OFFICIAL AND WHAT WE DID WITH IT THEREAFTER WAS UP TO US). IN FACT, SETHNA SAID, HE HOPED THAT KIEFER WOULD COME TO INDIA SINCE HE IS A UTILITY MAN AND WOULD UNDERSTAND TARAPUR PROBLEMS).

4. SINCE WE PROMISED SETHNA TO GET BACK TO HIM PROMPTLY REGARDING THE PROPRIETARY PROBLEM, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY COMMENTS.

5. FOR BOMBAY: WE PROMISED SETHNA THAT CONGEN BOMBAY WOULD HAVE WAITING FOR HIM ON HIS RETURN A LETTER SETTING FORTH IN WRITING, THE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN FOR SENDING EXPERTS. SAXBE

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